

# DRUGGED DRIVING



# What is drugged driving?

Driving under the influence  
of any drug that:  
**effects the brain**  
**impairs motor skills**  
**reaction time**  
**judgment**



10 Drugs

Drugged driving kills



# What types of drugs are used?

Illegal  
Prescription  
Over the Counter



# Which drug is most detected?

- ▶ Most common illegal drug detected in impaired drivers
- ▶ 4 to 14 percent of drivers injured or killed in traffic accidents tested positive for THC



\*National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)\*

# Drugged Driving Survey

An estimated 10.5 million people aged 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs



\*2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)\*



# Which group has the highest drugged driving rate?

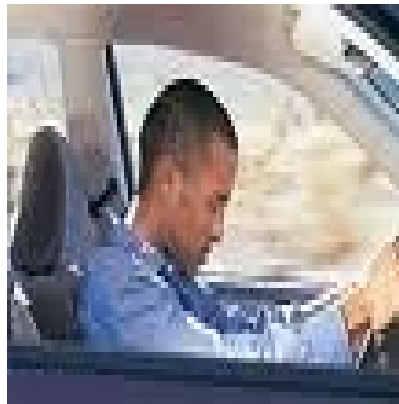
The rate of drugged driving in 2009 was the highest among adults 18 to 25 (12.8 percent)



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## How does drugged driving cause car accidents?



- ▶ Alters Perception
- ▶ Increases Drowsiness
- ▶ Attention Loss
- ▶ Loss of Balance
- ▶ Hinders Coordination
- ▶ Delays Reaction Time
- ▶ Dulls Judgment
- ▶ Affects Memory
- ▶ Blurred Vision
- ▶ Various other qualities

# Who is at risk?

- ▶ Drivers
- ▶ Passengers
- ▶ Pedestrians



\*Drugged driving is a dangerous activity that puts us **ALL** at risk\*



# Drugged-Driving Laws

There are three types of drugged-driving laws:

- ▶ 1) Statutes that require drugs to render a driver **“incapable”** of driving safely
- ▶ 2) Statutes requiring that the drug impair the driver’s ability to operate safely or **“under the influence”** of an intoxicating drug
- ▶ 3) **“Per se”** statutes make it a criminal offense to have a drug or metabolite in one’s body/body fluids while operating a motor vehicle **“zero tolerance”**





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# Drugged driving charged in three-car crash

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NORTH ANDOVER — A Middleton man was charged with driving under the influence of drugs following a three-car, rear-end chain reaction crash on Route 114 at Amberville Road on Tuesday afternoon that sent the drivers of the other two cars to the hospital, police said.

Jeremy Turla, 26, 6 Emerson Lane, Middleton, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of heroin following the midafternoon crash.

Detective Lt. Paul Gallagher said police seized a small amount of heroin from Turla.

The crash occurred in front of the Equestrian Shop at 1812 Turnpike St., when the car Turla was driving struck the back of another car, sending it into the back of a third car.

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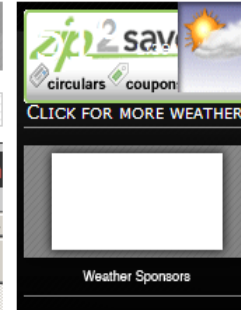
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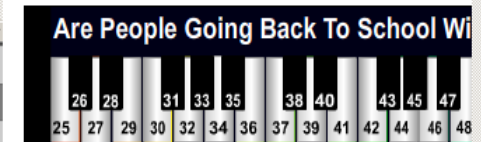


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## Marijuana turns minor accident into felony arrest



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LONOKE, AR - An irate man who was the victim in a minor traffic accident on Thursday afternoon ended up making things much worse for himself.

According to Lonoke County Sheriff's Office report, 33-year-old Michael Scroggins was backed into by a driver trying to make room for a school bus to turn. After the minor accident, Scroggins used his car to ram into the other car multiple times.

When sheriff's deputies arrived they found Scroggins "standing in the roadway shouting and waving his arms." Scroggins' passenger, Samantha Hendrick, was also in the roadway, shouting profanity at the deputies.

Furthermore, deputies found marijuana that Scroggins threw into a ditch just after getting out of his car to rant and rave.

Scroggins was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, felony possession of a controlled substance, refusal to submit to arrest, disorderly conduct, and operating a vehicle without

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# Drugged driving accident



After a minor accident, Scroggins used his car to ram into the other car multiple times. Marijuana found at the scene.

# Summary

- ✓ Make responsible decisions when driving or riding as a passenger when drug use is noticeable
- ✓ Find someone else to drive if you absolutely must take a prescription drug that may impair your driving ability
- ✓ Be aware of the drug's potential interactions with alcohol, other prescription medicines, and over-the-counter medicines
- ✓ Driving behind the wheel with prescription drugs is as deadly as with over-the-limit alcohol



# Resources

- ▶ [www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/druggeddriving](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/druggeddriving)
- ▶ [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)
- ▶ [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov)
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- ▶ [www.cnnhealth.com](http://www.cnnhealth.com)







Additional information on **Drugged Driving** can be found by contacting your local Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting [www.acsap.army.mil](http://www.acsap.army.mil)





# WARRIOR

**P**

**Personal Courage:** Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.

**R**

**espect:** Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.

**I**

**ntegrity:** Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.

**D**

**uty:** Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

**E**

**xcellence:** Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!